
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: ELLEN STREET PARKING INVESTIGATION

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'A', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by deleting the following:

<u>"Ellen Street</u>	East side from John Street to a point 57 metres northerly thereof."
<u>"Ellen Street</u>	East side from John Street southerly to the end of the cul-de-sac."
2. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'A', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

<u>"Ellen Street</u>	East side from Victoria Street to southerly limit."
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PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

3. Staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department received direction from Council to investigate the feasibility of prohibiting on-street parking along Ellen Street between Victoria Street and John Street. Currently, residents and patrons park on both sides of Ellen Street, obstructing the residential driveways and commercial accesses posing operational and safety concerns.
4. Ellen Street is a two (2) lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres and sidewalks on the east and west side with a daily traffic volume of approximately 500 vehicles per day. Please refer to Appendix 'A'.
5. Parking is currently prohibited along the east side of Ellen Street from John Street to a point 57 metres north thereof. As well as along the east side of Ellen Street from John Street to the southerly portion of the cul-de-sac. Staff have also implemented general corner restrictions along both the east and west side of the roadway at the intersection of Ellen Street and Victoria Street to ensure there are sufficient sight lines and turning radius. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited from



December 1st to March 31st, between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of winter maintenance.

ANALYSIS

6. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to five (5) property owners to select a preferred option. Three (3) responses were received and the results of the questionnaire are as follows:

ELLEN STREET ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Option "A" – Leave current parking restrictions in place on Ellen Street between Victoria Street and John Street.	1	33%
Option "B" – Implement "No Parking Anytime" entirely on the east side of Ellen Street between Victoria Street and John Street.	2	67%

7. Staff have historically received concerns regarding vehicles parking along both sides of the roadway obstructing residential driveways, and commercial accesses.
8. Staff reviewed the collision history along Ellen Street between Victoria Street and John Street and found five (5) collisions; four (4) of the five (5) collisions were related to vehicles colliding with parked vehicles. This is related to a high concentration of vehicles parking on both sides of the roadway reducing the travel width of the roadway, and obstructing ingress and egress of commercial driveways.
9. Staff reviewed prohibiting parking along the west side of the roadway; however staff do not recommend this as this would only permit vehicles to park directly between the two commercial accesses along the east side of the roadway, which would impede sight lines for motorists trying to exit the commercial plaza.
10. Based on staff observations and residential feedback staff recommend that Schedule 'A', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by deleting the following:

"Ellen Street East side from John Street to a point 57 metres northerly thereof."

"Ellen Street East side from John Street southerly to the end of the cul-de-sac."

And that Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'A', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

"Ellen Street East side from Victoria Street to southerly limit."

11. The proposed recommendation to permit parking along the west side of Ellen Street would ensure vehicles do not park within close proximity to the commercial plaza accesses impeding sight lines, and obstructing vehicles entering and exiting while still providing direct access to safely load/unload adjacent to a sidewalk.
12. Permitting parking along the west side of Ellen Street between Victoria Street and John Street also maximizes the available on-street parking as it is an unimpeded block face with no commercial accesses.

13. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement staff do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

14. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

15. There are two (2) alternatives available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative 1 General Committee could decide to maintain the current parking on both sides of Ellen Street between Victoria Street and John Street.

This alternative is not recommended as the current parking situation has a history of motorists colliding with parked vehicles, and impedes the operation and safety of the roadway.

Alternative 2 General Committee could decide to implement “No Parking Anytime” on the west side of Ellen Street between Victoria Street and John Street.

This alternative is not recommended as permitting parking along the east side of the roadway impedes the operation and safety of the vehicles entering and existing the commercial plaza entrances, and traffic flow of the roadway.

FINANCIAL

16. The cost of implementing the proposed parking regulations is approximately \$400, which can be accommodated in the 2018 Business Plan.

LINKAGE TO 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

17. The recommendations included in this Staff Report are specifically related to goals identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan:
- a) Improved Drive Safety
18. The proposed recommendations will ensure the safe and efficient operation of the street while maintaining some on street parking.

APPENDIX "A"

